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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE AFTERNOON MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 5, 1975

1. SUMMARY: AT 1731ST MEETING, FIFTH COMMITTEE APPROVED PB SECTION  
24

(UN BOND ISSUE) BY VOTE OF 62 (US)-12(SOV. BLOC, CHINA)-7.  
DISCUSSION OF ITEM 101 (PUBLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION ) RESUMED  
WITH SEVERAL SPEAKERS ENDORSING SYG AND ACABQ REPORTS OR  
CALLING FOR EVEN MORE STRINGENT LIMITATIONS ON DOCUMENTATION.  
TWENTY-SEVEN-NATION NOTE AND QUESTIONNAIRE ON UN FINANCIAL  
PROBLEMS WAS INTRODUCED; ELEVEN DELS SPOKE FOR IT, AND  
ONLY FRANCE SAID IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT SENDING THE QUESTINNAIRE  
TO SYG. VOTE TO SEND IT CARRIED 64 (US)-0-18(SOVIET  
BLOC, YUGOSLAVIA, FRANCE, GREECE, INDIA). END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRAM BUDGET SECTION 24 - UN BOND ISSUE  
PRC REP REPEATED WELL KNOWN POSITION OF PRICIPLE ON THIS  
MATTER, I.E., THAT BOND EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE DELETED  
FROM BUDGET AND PRC WILL NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS.  
ITALY REP SAID INTEREST SHOULD BE PAID IN ORDER TO PRESERVE POSS-  
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IBILITY OF FUTURE BOND ISSUES.

USSR SAID IT CONTINUED TO OBJECT FOR REASONS STATED EARLIER. SAID IT WAS ILLEGAL TO PAY FOR EXPENDITURES IN CONGO AND MIDDLE EAST. ADDED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITUATION SHOULD BEAR EXPENSES IMPOSED UPON THE UN. FRENCH REP SAID HE WOULD VOTE FOR APPROPRIATION UNDER CHAPTER 24, ALTHOUGH FRENCH POSITION OF PRINCIPLE REMAINED UNCHANGED. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA AND BULGARIA DELS SAID THEY WOULD VOTE AGAINST APPROPRIATION SINCE BOND ISSUE WAS IN VIOLATION OF CHARTER. AFGHANISTAN AND MEXICO DELS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD PAY THEIR SHARE, BUT WOULD ABSTAIN ON VOTE ON PRINCIPLE. US (BACHE) MADE SHORT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PRINCIPLE THAT INTEREST PAYMENT IS LEGAL OBLIGATION OF UN PER GA RES. 1739 (XVI). COMMITTEE APPROVED APPROPRIATION OF \$17,297,000 UNDER SECTION 24 BY VOTE OF 62 (US)-12 (SOV BLOC, CHINA)-7 (ARGENTINA, AFGHANISTAN, MEXICO, BRAZIL, PORTUGAL).

3. AGENDA ITEM 101 - PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION (A/C.5/1670-SYG REPORT;(A/10299-ACABQ REPORT):  
USSR SAID ITS SUPPORTED ACABQ REPORT BUT COMPLAINED (AS DID ITALY AND FRANCE) THAT SYG HAD STUDIED ONLY QUESTION OF MEETING RECORDS. SAID IT WISHED NUMBER OF UN ORGANS WHICH KEEP RECORDS REDUCED. PHILIPPINE DEL ASKED WHETHER ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS 1623 AND 1624 ARE BEING FOLLOWED. WANTED TO KNOW WHICH BODIES WOULD BE SELECTED UNDER SYG'S SECOND CRITERION. URGED LEADING ROLE FOR COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES. ITALY URGED SOME EFFECTIVE MEASURES NOW TO REDUCE DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYG'S TEN CRITERIA, SHORTENING DOCUMENTS, AND USE OF MICROFICHES. SAID COMMITTEE SHOULD BROADEN APPLICATION OF SECOND CRITERION. CHILE, UKRAINE, ROMANIA SUPPORTED SYG AND ACQBQ REPORTS.

4. NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN: FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS (A/C.5/L.1240): STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTING THE SYG TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINED IN THE 27-NATION NOTE WERE MADE BY SIGNATORIES: MALAYSIA, ECUADOR, TOGO, URUGUAY, NEW ZEALAND, AS WELL AS BY ARGENTINA, SPAIN, PHILIPPINES, PERU, ITALY, ALGERIA. MOST SPEAKERS POINTED OUT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE TOWARD SOLUTION OF UN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS UNTIL THEIR CAUSES HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN. POINT

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WAS MADE BY SOME SIGNATORIES THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO PUT ANY NATION OR GROUP OF NATIONS IN A BAD LIGHT. ALGERIA EXPRESSED SOME

RESERVATIONS ABOUT ABRASIVENESS OF SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AND THEIR TENDENCY TO SEPARATE THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD GUYS, AND ALSO OBSERVED THAT NO MEMBER IS CURRENTLY WITHHOLDING; NEVERTHELESS IT SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL. FRANCE WAS ONLY COUNTRY TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, NOTING THAT ALL

THE INFORMATION SOUGHT CAN BE FOUND IN A 1973 GA DOCUMENT (A/9607) AND IN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF 14 AND 15. ADDED THAT THIS WAS A POLITICAL QUESTION WHICH CANNOT BE SETTLED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. FRANCE INDICATED IT DID NOT WISH TO HIDE FACT THAT IT WITHHELD CONGO CONTRIBUTION; THIS AND FACT THAT FRANCE HAD LATER MADE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TOWARD DEFICIT ARE ON THE RECORD. HOWEVER, IT SAID CO-AUTHORS OF QUESTIONNAIRE ARE TRYING TO STIGMATIZE CERTAIN DELEGATIONS.

SEVERAL PROCEDURAL VOTES WERE THEN TAKEN. IRANIAN MOTION TO ADJOURN DEBATE TILL NEXT DAY WAS DEFEATED 23 (SOV BLOC), 50(US)-10. BULGARIAN MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING WAS DEFEATED 21 (SOV BLOC)-42(US)-13. FRG MOTION TO CLOSE DEBATE CARRIED 46(US)-16(SOV BLOC)-14. FINALLY, VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE PROPOSAL TO SEND QUESTIONNAIRE TO SYG, WHICH CARRIED 64(US)-0-18(SOV BLOC, YUGOSLAVIA, FRANCE, INDIA, GREECE).

5. PROGRAM OF WORK : AT NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN PB SECTION 15 (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE)

BEGIN ITEM ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY, CONCLUDE ITEM 99 (JIU), AND CONTINUE ITEM 101 (PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION).  
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